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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
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RE: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of New Cost Recovery Mechanism and Portfolio of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs  
**Docket No. 2015-163-E**  
Request for Expedited Approval of Modifications to the Bring Your Own Thermostat Program

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) that ORS has reviewed the filing submitted by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP” or the “Company”) requesting Commission’s expedited consideration and approval of certain modifications to its Bring Your Own Thermostat program (“BYOT Program”).

**Overview of Company’s Request**

The Company is seeking approval from the Commission for modifications to the BYOT Program administered through the “RESIDENTIAL SERVICE – LOAD CONTROL, RIDER LC-SUM-6” tariff on file with the Commission. The modifications seek to provide for the addition of a winter-focused load control component and to suspend new enrollments in the existing summer-only smart thermostat option after December 31, 2020, in recognition of the increased need for load control and peak demand reductions during the winter.

The modifications also provide an increased incentive for initial enrollees to attract customers to the BYOT Program ahead of the 2020-2021 winter season and to provide financial assistance to residential customers who may be struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic and potentially serve as a means to help customers who are behind on their electric bills.

**ORS Recommendation**

ORS does not object to the Company's modifications to the BYOT Program or the request for expedited approval.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*s/ Christopher M. Huber*

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